

**SEPARATE STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER MICHAEL J. COPPS**

RE: Implementation of Section 25 of the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992; Direct Broadcast Satellite Public Interest Obligations; Second Order on Reconsideration of the First Report and Order.

Although not ideal, I support today's Second Order on Reconsideration because it corrects two glaring deficiencies of our First Order on Reconsideration. Today's action adopts rules implementing the political broadcasting obligations of DBS and takes steps to ensure that the political files of DBS operators are readily accessible. In addition, the Order moves forward to limit the over-commercialization of children's programming on DBS. I dissented to the First Order on Reconsideration, highlighting these areas of concern. I appreciate my colleagues' willingness to remedy these problems. I look forward to working through a number of other issues with respect to DBS operators in the near future, including clarifying that DBS providers may not discriminate against some local broadcasters in a market by requiring consumers to obtain a second dish to receive those signals.